

Docket No. 53249US002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

LOYD R. HORNBACK III and JOSEPH C. PEISERT

Serial No.: 08/971,851

Filed: October 17, 1997

SURFACE TENSION RELIEVED For:

MOUNTING MATERIAL

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The deadline for filing a Brief on Appeal from the Notice of Appeal mailed August 5, 2002 originally required a reply by October 5, 2002.

Applicants desire additional time to respond with filing a Request for Continued Examination in place of the Brief on Appeal, and therefore request that the deadline for reply to the Office Action be extended under the provisions of Rule 136(a) to November 5, 2002. Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fee required in connection with this paper, including the \$110.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) for consideration of this extension to Account No. 13-3723. A duplicate copy of this sheet is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHIRGTON, D.C. 20231 ON

November 5, 2002